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Merchandise Orders

PLAN WAR ON TRADING STAMP

War is to be waged against the trading stamp dealers of Honolulu if the Merchants' Association find that they have any legal grounds upon which to make a showing.

The claim is made by the supporters of the trading stamps that it has been found impossible by many of the retail merchants of the city to guard against losses through bad debts, because the merchant found that a certain percentage of the amounts which passed through his hands, were never paid, with the inevitable result that those who paid cash paid the debts of those who never paid, yet the merchant did not, nor could not, have two prices for his goods—one for cash and another for credit, so until cash stamps were introduced he could give no inducement to the public to pay cash. Now, however, the merchant is enabled, through the agency of the cash stamps to reward those thrifty folks who pay cash for their goods.

The originators of this scheme were the Sperry & Hutchinson Co., of Oakland, Cal., who started with a paid-up capital of \$1,000,000. This corporation owns and operates more stores than any other concern in the world.

When F. J. McDonald, manager of

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OFFICIALS VISIT

OVERSEER PAELE

(Continued from Page 1) as a matter of convenience. Gere has contended that it matters not to the employee what roll his name is carried as long as he received the rightful amount of money due him for his services.

Deputy County Attorney Milverton, in speaking of the charges against Road Overseer Paele, declared this morning that while no actual evidence of fraud or the embezzlement of public money had occurred, the methods practiced disclosed a system where there was a wide opening for the perpetration of fraud and that if the evidence was presented to the consideration of the Territorial Grand Jury.

According to the City and County Clerk it has been the practice to make up the labor pay rolls of road department men according to gangs. Against the aggregate amount of the roll, a warrant is drawn, and this sum has been paid either to the road supervisors of the district or to a luna. The money is then taken to whatever place the laborers may be at work and they are paid the same

CAROLS TONIGHT AT CENTRAL UNION

Local talent will be much in evidence tonight at the Central Union church, when J. A. Wilder's Christmas carol, representing the nativity of our Blessed Savior, will be sung by the children of the Central Union Bible School.

This is an annual entertainment, the motive being to give and receive presents each alternate year. This year presents will be received and given to the Palama, Kakaako and Kailhi Missions and also to the Leper Settlement.

The orchestra, which has been swelled by members of the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, will be under the leadership of W. A. Love, and will play an opening overture. The classes will then bring and deposit at the Christmas tree their gifts for the needy children, after which they will sing a carol. At this point the Biblical representation of the nativity of Christ will be carried out.

This carol has been the result of the untiring efforts on the part of Mr. Wilder, he having dropped his painting and everything else for several weeks past in order to devote his whole time and attention to making this carol a success. The staging and scenery has been entirely under his direction and supervision, and full credit belongs to him for the success which it undoubtedly merits.

Mr. Wilder has found in the persons of Leopold G. Blackman and his brother two able assistants, for to these gentlemen is due the composing of the words of the carols which will be sung in the representation. Capt. Henri Berger has also assisted in the orchestration of the music. Those taking part have worked faithfully, and the prospects are that this effort of Honolulu talent will be highly successful and doubly appreciated.

After the rendition of the carol, refreshments will be served and boxes of candy distributed to the children. There have been 1,000 tickets issued already, and there is a growing demand for another performance of Mr. Wilder's production by those who will be unable to attend.

It is claimed by the road department that this method saves the men at work some distance from Honolulu losing much time that would otherwise be spent in making a trip to the city and returning to their duties.

OUR LIVING PRICES LOWER THAN OTHERS

Assistant Secretary Cooper, in today's letter to the Promotion Committee, says:

By the Korea and the Alameda this week, we sent out an unusually large mail, very widely scattered over the mainland. A very considerable portion of this was in form of letters written personally to inquirers who have a great variety of questions to ask on a great variety of subjects concerning Hawaii. The volume of this class of our correspondence is constantly increasing and forms no small part of the work in the office at present. Besides these special letters, we have mailed this week a form letter to several hundred secretaries of commercial organizations throughout the United States, enclosing ten of our Floral Parade post cards, ready stamped in each, which they are asked to address to persons they think might be interested in Hawaii. Also we have mailed a large number of the post cards just mentioned to individuals, besides a great deal of our regular printed matter to persons whose names have been handed to us.

Tourists Coming.

We have correspondence which indicates that after the first of the year the tourist traffic to the islands will be very heavy—or, as great as the transportation facilities can accommodate. Already there are more strangers in the city than there have ever been before at this season of the year.

Living Prices Reasonable.

Mr. N. A. Carpenter, president of the Carter-McNeill Investment Co., of Spokane, Wash., who is here with his wife for the winter, called on us

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CHRISTMAS TREE AT ST. ANDREW'S

The St. Andrew's Sunday school Christmas tree will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the Davies Memorial Hall. The children are asked to bring presents and toys which Santa Claus will later take to the children of Kakaako Mission.

***** attend, and it is hoped that there will be an opportunity for more of the adults to witness what is tonight especially for the children.

The entertainment will commence promptly at 6:30 o'clock instead of at 7:30 o'clock, as announced on the tickets.

DREAD RIDING TEST PROVED PLEASURE

Officers Under Major Winslow Complete Riding Test With no Ill Effects—More Picnic Than Hardship—Yearly Ride.

Major Winslow looked brown and sunburned when seen in his office this morning, having just returned to the city after taking the Rooseveltian endurance test, in which several officers of Uncle Sam participated. According to Major Winslow, the test was not so severe as had been anticipated. The start was made from the 5th Cavalry barracks at Lelehu last Monday, three days being consumed in accomplishing the test.

The roads were in excellent condition and the weather all that could be desired. Rapid progress was made throughout. The first night was spent at Kahana, where everyone turned in early in order to be up before sunrise to resume the march. Passing through Waihiua, Waimoa, Kahuku, Laie and Punahoa, splendid opportunities were afforded of noting the lay of the land for future military maneuvers.

Leaving Kahana, after a hearty breakfast, on Tuesday morning, the cavalcade rode hard to Kaneohe, Kailua and Waimanalo, at which latter place lunch was served and the horses changed. From here the horsemen rode by way of Makapuu, reaching Waikiki in time for a swim in the surf. No ill effects were felt by any of the riders and the horses having been changed frequently on the march, everyone felt fresh and well pleased with the result so far. From Waikiki the last stage of the journey was completed yesterday, the members of this party having to ride back to Lelehu, which place was reached in time for those living in Honolulu to catch the evening train back to town.

According to Major Winslow no ill effects have been felt by any of the officers taking part in this test, and the fact that the horses were changed frequently, these are also in good condition. It was not in any sense a monotonous ride, as there was much of interest to see. The scenery was superb, and the people met on the march were kind and considerate and did all in their power to make man and beast comfortable. This test will be taken every year, and now that it has been proved to be one of pleasure instead of a hardship, it will not be looked upon in an unfavorable light by those having to take it.

Eyes Injured. Private Berger, Co. G, 20th In-

fantry, was entered on the list of sick Wednesday morning. Berger returned from San Francisco on the last transport, where he has been taking lessons in the art of bread baking. While at the school his eyes were injured by getting some yeast in them, and they have been getting worse every day since his return to Fort Shafter. Nothing serious is anticipated, and with the good treatment that he will receive doubtless he will be back with his company for duty in a short time.

Drill Suspended.

Drills, garrison and gymnasium were suspended Wednesday, Dec. 22 for the purpose of a general police of quarters. Companies G and H mounted the entire guard. The grass around the company's barracks was cut and the vines and trees trimmed, which improved the appearance of the post to a great extent. The purpose of the general police was that the department commander will visit the post in a short time for the coming holidays.

Turkey Dinner.

Preparations are being made for the Christmas turkey dinner. All duty will be suspended and it will be a day of rest for all except the

guard and police, which are absolutely necessary.

May Remain.

Four or five men who are now in the post hospital will be sent on the first available transport to the U. S. Military Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco for further observation and treatment.

There will also be several men discharged during the next month, who will go on the next transport unless they decide to re-enlist in the 2d battalion, 20th infantry, or other troops that are now stationed in Hawaii. This will leave the battalion minus the authorized number of men, and it is more than probable that more men will arrive on the next transport from the mainland.

Bowling.

The three men who have been signed for the Fort Shafter bowling team were earnestly practicing on Tuesday afternoon, and some men that are being tried were also present and rolled a few games. The best score for the afternoon was 171. Corporal Baumgardt, Co. E, entered the post hospital for treatment Wednesday morning.

Caring for Lawns.

Private Howell, Co. H, has been

placed on special duty caring for the lawn around Co. H barracks. This is work to be done during his spare time, as he is not excused from any parades, duties, being excused from company duties only.

Private Nukols, Co. E, while skating at the Princess Rink Tuesday night, tripped and fell, badly fracturing one of his arms. He was brought to the post about 9 o'clock and immediately admitted to the hospital. His arm was soon set and bandaged, and he is now getting along nicely.

Thursday, December 23.

HILO—Arrived Dec. 18: S. S. Enterprise, from San Francisco.

HILO—Arrived Dec. 19: H. St. Katherine, from San Francisco.

MAHUKONA—Arrived Dec. 23: Schr. Eva, from San Francisco.

Tseng Hui, the consular representative for China at Honolulu, is returning to China, he having been transferred to another station. The Chinese official will leave Honolulu for Peking by the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, which is scheduled for the Orient on Monday.

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